

Term 4 2018 Calendar

5	12	13	Nude Food Day 14	15	16 Teachers Strike Day -Postgate School Closed
6	19	20	Nude Food Day 21	22	23 School Mufti Day
7	BOT Meeting 26	27	Nude Food Day 28	Aotea College Orientation Day 29	30 School Disco
8	3	Regional Athletics 4	Nude Food Day 5	6	7 Helpers Thank You Lunch Family Merit 2pm start
9	End of Year Reports go home 10	2019 Class Placement Letters go home 11	Middle Block with 2019 teacher Nude Food Day 12	Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Prize Giving 13	14 Last day 2018 Leavers Assembly starts 11:45am School closes at 1pm

School Wide Art Project: We will be embarking on a school-wide art project in 2019. We will be creating a large mural for our school, using bottle top lids. Given the amount we will need, we better start collecting now! Please save all plastic bottle top lids of every size and colour. As you collect a bag full, send it along to school (preferably washed). This art project follows the Sustainability Inquiry we are currently exploring: Recycling, Reusing and involving our community to beautify our school.



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"Negative people tend to belittle what you are doing. Positive people often try to encourage what you are doing."

- Dr T.P. Chia

Stay positive and let go of negativity!

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

Supporting statement:

We will promote life-long learning in our children by developing their social, intellectual, emotional and physical skills in a creative and caring environment.



**"Ma te mahi ngatahi,
ka tu pakari te matauranga"
"Together, We Learn and Achieve"**

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Kia ora whanau

Walkathon: Slowly the cards are returning, very slowly. Our total as of Friday afternoon sat at \$13,272.80, which is fantastic and will be matched by your Board of Trustees in purchasing ICT equipment and programmes for our school. One such programme is the Seesaw App, which will be used from Year 1 to Year 8 for 2019.

CAN ALL CARDS AND MONEY PLEASE BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY NEXT MONDAY, 19th NOVEMBER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT.

Battle of the Bands: Our School Band, The Miracles, placed 3rd place at the Greater Wellington Regional Battle of the Bands competition on Wednesday. I sent a link of their performances out last week. If you would like this link, please email me.

We cannot thank Vai and Louise Ioane and Wini Baxter enough for their time, energy and commitment. Their children have left Postgate School but they still keep giving. This is very rare and Postgate is truly grateful.

Special thanks to Ron for all his work with our band; organising The Miracles, other school bands and keeping everyone on track.

Thank You: Thanks to the families who attended Friday's Family Merit Assembly. Your support of your child is greatly appreciated by the staff and more so by your child; they just don't show it, yet.

Early Reading Together Programme: The Year 1 teachers are running another Early Reading Together programme during Weeks 6, 7 and 8 of this term. Please see Jess if you are interested. We are looking for a day and time that suits everyone the best.

Whanau Kaitiaki Meeting: The TWK are meeting this Wednesday at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

Strike Action: The Strike Action is still on for this Friday, 16th November. Your BOT has made the decision to close Postgate School, meaning no one will be on-site at the school.

At Postgate, we try and keep any disruption to a minimum, hence why we have no Teacher Only days during the term, these all fall outside of term time.

Lost Property: We have a 'mountain' of unwanted clothes, maybe within this pile of lost property is that jacket that got "stolen". Please either send your child or you come and have a look through. Shortly this ever-growing pile will be taken to the clothing bin. The beast which is lost property is located outside Room 12.

Sustainability at Postgate School- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: There are many things on the go at Postgate School with the focus on sustainability; Bees, Community Garden, Fruit Trees, Native Birds/Trees etc

Another area we are working on is with the Sustainability Trust around having a zero-waste programme. I met with the Trust a couple of weeks ago and we explored what Postgate can do to start moving towards this. The Trust is giving us a grant of \$1300 to help us. They will be providing us with a report shortly as to how we can best spend this money.

One of the things we can start right now is having a 'Zero Waste Day' or a 'Wrapper-Free Lunch Day' or a 'Nude Food Lunch'. This means that all items in your child's lunch box/bag have to be wrapper free, like no rubbish. In this day and age that may prove a challenge to some families, however, it can be done. Just a bit of creative thinking.

Our first 'Nude Food Day' will be this Wednesday and every Wednesday until the end of the school year.

There are two attachments with this newsletter that you may find useful; "What is Nude Food?" And, "How to Pack a Nude Food Lunch".

We will be asking any child who does bring waste/rubbish/wrappings to school, to take it home with them. Small steps towards a greater good.

2019 Planning: Planning for next year is well underway. We are now working on class lists for next year and the syndicate teams for 2019 were announced last week. Thank you to the parents who have informed us that they are moving on. This is vital as we have an ever growing list of people looking to come into Postgate School. Last week we had a small explosion of 2019 students looking to enrol.

Sunhats: Thank you for your support with the sunhats. It is great to see the children taking responsibility for their own health and safety. The basic school rule is: "No Hat, No Play".

Key Dates 2017: Wednesday 30th January- Day 1 for 2019
Wednesday 20th February- School Picnic - Waikanae Pool

Prayer Group: Our Prayer Group now meet on a MONDAY morning at 8:50am. This is a great opportunity to ground your plane with other members of our school community.

Maururu kotahi ano koutou mo to koutoa tautoko o Postgate School: Thank you once again for your support of Postgate School.